

A BEAUTIFUL BUILDING

For fifty-five years, the French family business has been conducted from the store with the Main Street facade of locally quarried Ionia Variegated Sandstone. After operating for many years in several other Main Street stores, in 1946, they purchased their present establishment at 340 West Main from Esther M. Carten. This structure was at the eastern edge of a group of stores, which stretched from 340 westward to Steele Street, then north along Steele, nearly to Washington, comprising the Carten Department Store. The Carten family made their home on the second floor over the store at 340 for over 20 years, moving into their newly built home at 234 East Main in 1920, with adult son Frank Carten, remaining downtown. He was still making his home on the second floor when the building was purchased by the French's in 1946.

That is the tip of the iceberg in researching the history of this significant part of Ionia's past. The building has had only only three owners since 1859--the Hall's, the Carten's, and the French's.

In 1859, Main Street itself was mud, the structures, frame houses, most having their own barn. No side-by-side-at-the-sidewalk brick commercials. Not even any sidewalks. Rail fences kept out the stray animals. Dexter's flume came down from his ditch along the north side of Washington, to carry water diverted from today's tennis courts on Jackson St. to his Mill on the site of today's Armory. (I refer you to the 1859 photo inside.) Even that impressive looking spire on the Presbyterian Church was made of wood, the church burning to the ground when embers from the 1908 Depot fire landed on the roof.

1859 was the year Frederick Hall bought the lot now occupied by French's. For several years, he had been organizing six other investors and their wives in a quarrying company, to begin cutting and selling sandstone from their pit on Quarry Road, between Riverside Drive and the Grand River, SE of Ionia. The very first building they produced is documented on page 154 of Schenck's History of Ionia, and page 164 of the Branch History of Ionia. The First National Bank--still standing at 326 W. Main--Buck's Variety Store. The President of that bank was Frederick Hall. It was built in 1865. It appears on all Sanborn Maps, with it's stone facade obvious, and properly named.

In 1868, Frederick Hall commissioned Captain Lucius Mills to build the Hall home on East Main Street, using variegated sandstone from the above mentioned quarry. Noticing the similarity between that home and the store at 340 West Main, I began collecting information which would help determine a true story about the origin of the French store.

Since Frederick Hall owned the lot on which it stands, from 1859 until the Hall estate was settled at the turn of the century, there is little doubt that he was the builder of that store, made with that material, just two lots west

of the bank he served as President. It is probable that the store was built in conjunction with the building of his home, since the vein of stone would change color as it was harvested, and these two buildings are remarkably close in the shading and texture of the stone. The red of Blanchard House did not appear until 1880, and the Goodmiller reds were retrieved fifteen years later.

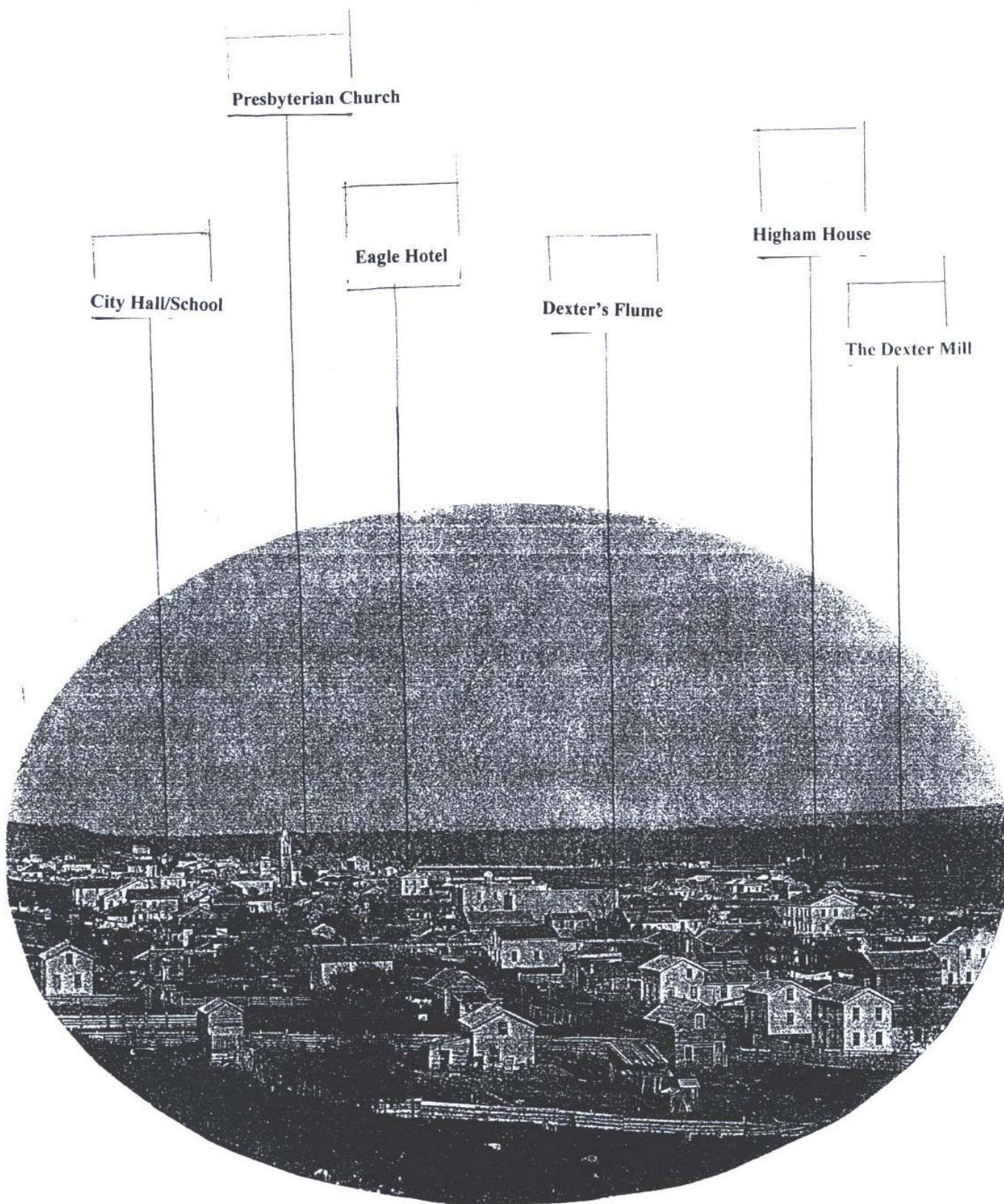
To fit these facts together with what I already knew about J. L. Hudson, would explain the exact location of his first store in Ionia. Lacking any street numbers in '66-'67-'68-and '69, his advertisements gave his address as--The First Store west of the First National Bank. The Titus Bakery in the building west of the French store would advertise that they were located in the First Store west of the New York Clothing House in 1869. They were still in business at that location for the plat map of 1891, when they were listed directly west of the store of Ann Hall, widow of Frederick Hall, which became French's in 1946.

The day Hudson's moved into the Union Block was March 12, 1870, and well advertised in the Sentinel. It was a good time for Joseph, who had joined his large family in Ionia in 1866, following his apprenticeship at a Pontiac department store, and assumed a full partnership with his father in all business and personal affairs. Notice that the 1870 census gives both the partners the same dollar figure for that year, as does the 1868 report on those paying the newly enacted Federal Income Tax.

The Hudson's , together with Frederick Hall and Richard Dye, had invested in the Dexter Mill (on the site of today's Armory). Steam now powered the grinding wheels, replacing the flume and ditches used by Samuel Dexter. (West Creek still often makes itself known by washing out a portion of Dexter Street in front of Caswell's.) The four men also bought the Stave Mill, which was on Adams St. south of the flour mill. That was a money maker for them, and they shipped a railroad car full of barrel staves every day, in addition to the barrels they made for their flouring mill.

I hope you have time to read most of the pages in this booklet. I plan to continue collecting relevant information on this beautiful building .

Marilyn Webster
Ionian



IONIA IN 1859.

Taken August 28th 1859.

J. M. Fox by C. C. Cornell

Received of Record February 18th 1859 at 10 O'clock A.M.
A. R. Cornell Deputy Register

Frederick Hull & Richard Dye } The Indenture made the seventeenth day of February in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty nine between John Train the United States Commissioner in and
for the County of Genes & State of Michigan & residing in the said County of Genes party of the first part and
Frederick Hull & Richard Dye of the County of Genes and State of Michigan parties of the second part
Whereas at a session of the Circuit Court for the County of Genes in January sitting at the
Court House in the Village of Genes on the twenty eighth day of September in the year one thousand eight
hundred and fifty eight it was among other things ordered adjudged and decreed by said Court in a cer
tain cause then pending in said Court between Henry J. Achilles Complainant and Henry Wilson
Defendant James Kennedy William H. Freeman Frederick Hull & Richard Dye That all
and singular the Mortgage premises mentioned in the Bill of Complaint in said Cause and hereinafter
described or so much thereof as might be sufficient to raise the amount due the Complainant for the
principal interest and costs in the said Cause should be sold by or under the direction of the Circuit Court
Commissioner in & for the County of Genes & State of Michigan at Public Auction or Vendue in the County of
Genes the said Mortgage premises so directed to be sold are situated the said Circuit Court Commis
sioner in & for said County first giving public notice of the time and place of said sale according to the
course and practice of said Court And whereas the undersigned John Train Circuit Court Commissioner
in & as aforesaid and the said party of the first part to their presents in pursuance of the order and decree
of the said Court did on the seventeenth day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and
fifty nine sell at Public Auction at the front door of the Circuit Court House in the Village of Genes
in the County of Genes the said Mortgage premises hereinafter particularly described having first
given six weeks ^{public} notice of the time and place of said sale as required by the order and decree aforesaid
with the a brief description of said Mortgage premises at which said sale the said premises were
struck off to the said party of the second part to their presents for the sum of Three thousand four
hundred and twenty & No dollars that being the highest sum bid for the same and they
the highest bidders Now therefore this Indenture Witnesseth that the said John Train Circuit
Court Commissioner for the County of Genes and State of Michigan and the party of the first part
to their presents in order to carry into effect the said sale so made as aforesaid in pursuance of
the said decree and order of said Court and also by virtue of the Statute in such case made and
provided and in consideration of the premises and of the sum of Three thousand four hundred
& twenty & No Dollars paid by the said party of the second part to their presents to the said party
of the first part hence the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged hath granted
bargained sold aliened released conveyed and confirmed and by their presents doth grant
bargain sell alien release convey and confirm unto the said party of the second part and to their
heirs and assigns forever all the following lands and premises to wit The East half of Lot thirty one
in the Village of Genes County Seat in the County of Genes and State of Michigan & according to the
Recorded Plat of said Village Together with all and singular the rights titles members privileges heredita
ments and appurtenances to the same belonging or in anywise appertaining To have and to hold the
said premises above described and hereby intended to be conveyed unto the said party of the second part
their heirs and assigns to them only proper use benefit and behoof forever

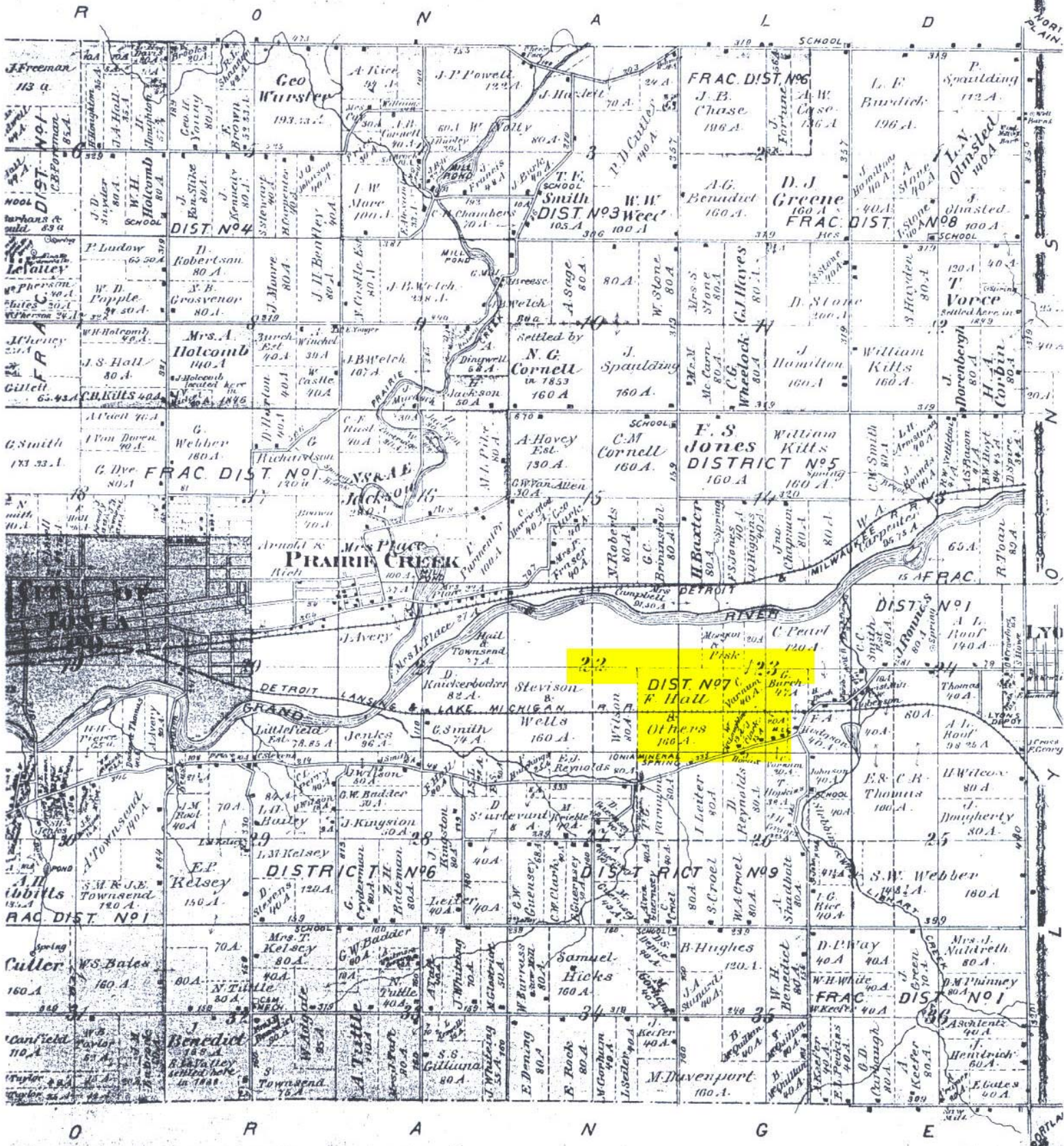
Do witness whereof the said party of the first part as aforesaid has
hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written

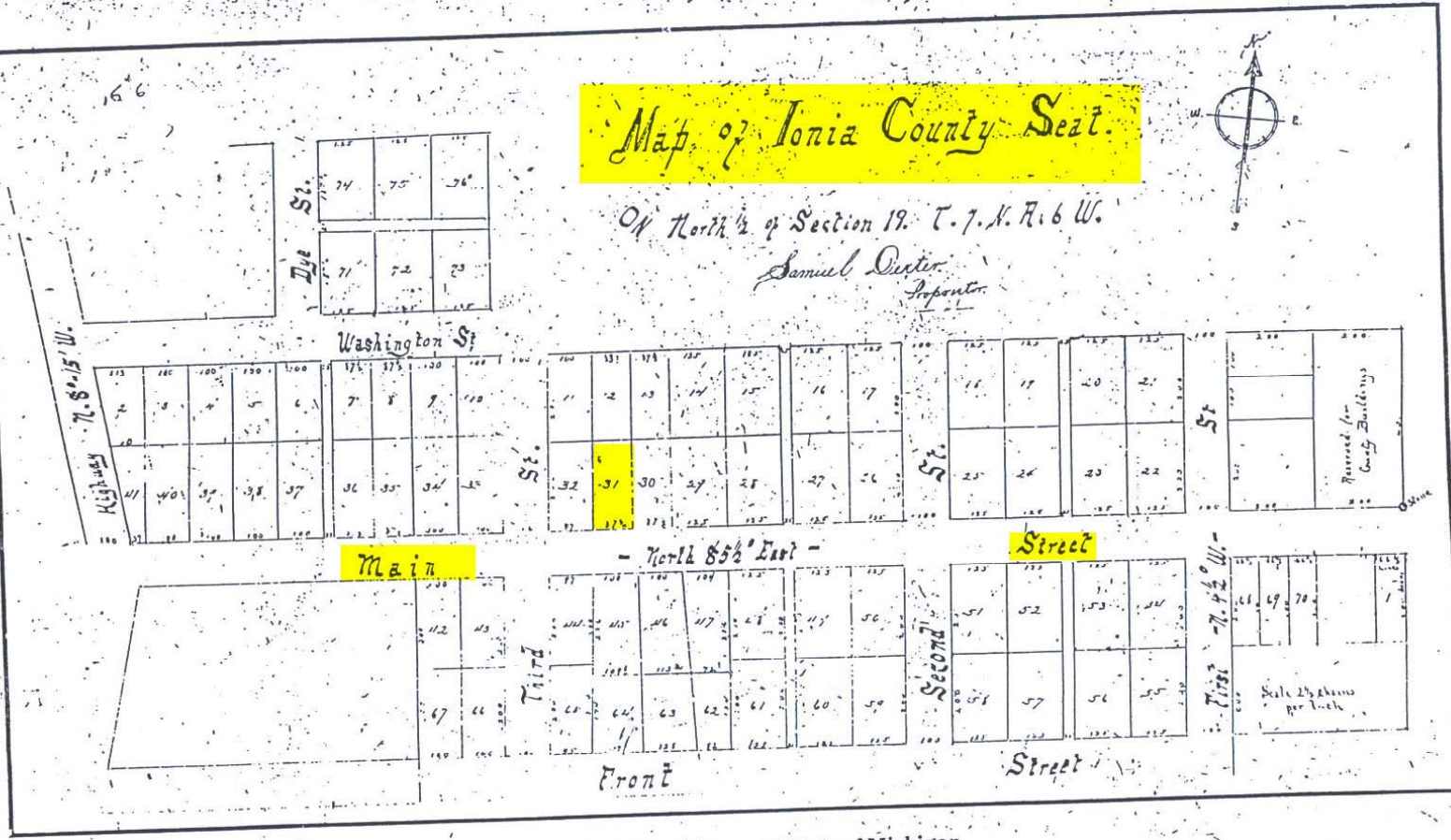
Frederick Hull and Richard Dye in presence of

Alanson Cornell
J. M. Fox

John Train S.S.
Circuit Court Commissioner in & for the County
of Genes & State of Michigan

SCALE 1 1/4 INCHES TO THE MILE





This "Map of Ionia County Seat" is reproduced from the original in the Ionia County Register of Deed's office, which is itself a copy. Below the plat itself appears considerable handwritten matter, here transcribed, in part:

Below the plat, left: — Minutes of the Survey of the Village of "Ionia County Seat" situated on the North Half Section of Section No. Nineteen (19) in Township No. Seven (7) North of Range Six (6) West, in the County of Ionia & State of Michigan as Surveyed by Thomas [illegible] and Alexander F. Bell Surveyors, in the Month of July, A.D.

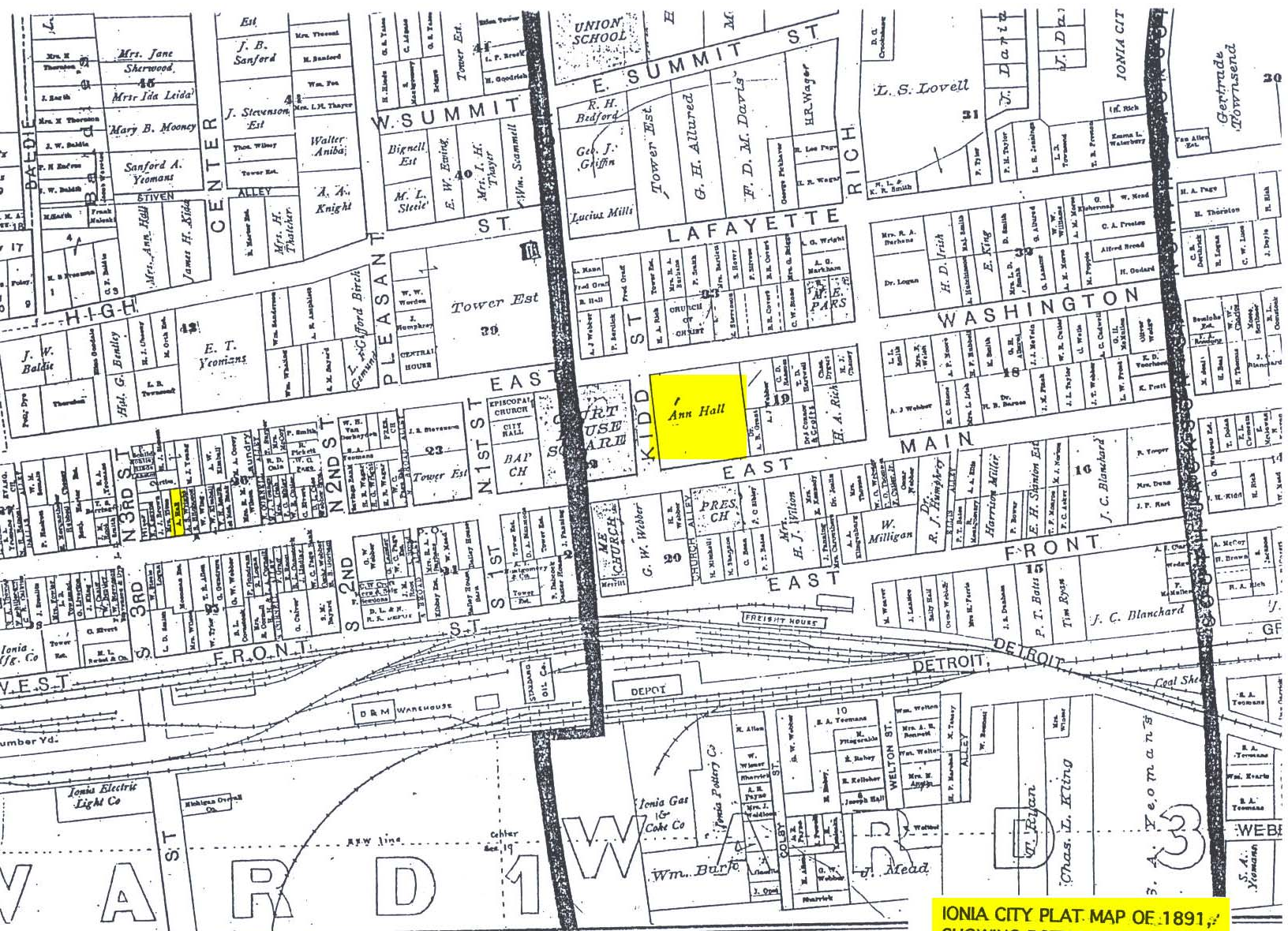
"State of Michigan
"County of Ionia
Personally came before me(,) a Notary Public in and for said County, Chas. L. Halladay and David C. Crawford, who made the above affidavit in my presence.
"Ionia, Michigan
"January 16th 1890

Name illegible (May be William Minty)
Notary Public

"Ionia County Seat." changed to Ionia by

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1	24	24	Morus W.	10	M	W				Mass
2			Wm	3	M	W				Mass
3			Leigins John W.	21	M	W	Merchant		\$ 00	Penn
4			Cable Joseph	21	M	W	Cigar Maker			Mass
5			Rosenberg Geo	18	M	W	Do			Mass
6			Gallins Martin	16	M	W	Shupking ibco			Ind
7			Sevenson W.	12	M	W	Do			Mass
8	23	23	McDonald James	31	M	W	Pastry Baker		1 00	Penn
9			James	23	F	W	Keeping house			Mass
10			Wm	3	M	W				Mass
11	26	26	Hudson Richard	49	M	W	Clothing Store	5 000	15 000	Eng
12			Richard	24	M	W	Precher			Eng
13			Joseph	23	M	W	Clothing Store	5 000	15 000	Eng
14			Elizabeth	20	F	W	at home			Eng
15			May E	18	F	W	at home			Eng
16			Wm	16	M	W	at home			Eng
17			Ely	13	F	W				Eng
18			Morton James	25	M	W	clerk in clothing store			Eng
19			Fanning Michael	19	M	W	Do			Eng
20			Candida Frank	7	M	W	Cutter in store			Eng
21	27	27	Shuster Philip	35	M	W	Tailor	1 700	5 00	Eng
22			Elizabeth	51	F	W	Keeping house			Eng
23			Phoebe	21	F	W	Tailor			Eng
24			Charles	15	M	W	at home			Eng
25			Friedrich	12	M	W				Eng
26			May	10	M	W				Eng
27			Larry	8	F	W				Eng
28	28	28	Paumotu William	27	M	W	Tailor			Eng
29			Carrie	23	F	W	keeper			Eng
30	29	29	Stevenson Frank	32	M	W	Carpenter			Eng
31			Adriatic	30	F	W	House			Eng

Census of Ionia Village in 1870 showing the Hudson family, their ages, occupations, and the fact that Joseph and his father, Richard were full partners in their finances. The mother, Elizabeth Lowthian Hudson, had died in 1862.



IONIA CITY PLAT MAP OF 1891,
SHOWING BOTH LIBRARY AND
THE FRENCH STORE IN THE NAME
OF ANN HALL

battery1@iserv.net

From: <battery1@iserv.net>
To: First United Methodist <ioniafum@iserv.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2001 8:23 AM
Subject: Historical

Dear Karen,

Before I forget--you will find the following bible class listed in one of the early record books:

Joseph L. Hudson, leader, held bible study in room # 2 each Sunday evening in the 1870's with 10 adult members in full connection.

1. General James H. Kidd
2. Florence McConnell Kidd
3. Wellington C. Page
4. Amarilla Page
5. Hampton Rich
6. Hampton Rich, Jr.
7. Mary Hudson
8. Lillie Hudson
9. Mary Winchell
10. John Amphlett

Numbers one and two had been married in the unfinished basement of the Church on Christmas Day of 1871.

Numbers seven and eight were sisters of the class leader.

Number nine was probably Clyde Stout's maternal great-great Grandmother.

Marilyn Webster

09/27/2001

In 1868 —

Taxpayers names listed

Quite a few who write letters to the editor of the Sentinel-Standard have taxes on their mind and occasionally suggest that, in the good old days, there was no such thing as an income tax and the government got along as well as anyone wanted it to.

Not true.

The first national income tax was passed by Congress during the Civil War — and it hung around for quite a while.

IN THOSE more innocent days, persons who had to pay income tax didn't call press conferences to reveal their tax returns. The revealing

was done for them by the government. Along with a lot of "wanted" posters, a list of those who had to pay income tax, and on what amounts, was posted for everyone to inspect in the Ionia post office.

Apparently being on the list of those who had to pay income tax was a matter of some pride, and The Ionia Sentinel noted the list annually.

ON MAY 27, 1869, the Sentinel reported the following amounts on which Ionians had to pay taxes, "after the \$1,000 and other lawful deductions." The list is not complete. The names

selected may be recognized:

Arnold, W. D.	\$1,070
Blanchard, John C.	1,420
Babcock, Burton	1,905
Carr, Archibald F	1,541
Hall, Frederick	8,455
Hudson, Richard	1,250
HUDSON, Joseph L.	1,250
Hayes, Nathan B.	1,987
Lovell, Louis S.	1,582
Page, Wellington C.	7,287
Rich, Hampton	3,131
Webber, George W.	4,701

(Arnold was the owner-operator of the Arnold Machine Shops in South Ionia, the oldest continuous business in Ionia County. Blanchard was an attorney, lumberman, political figure, speculator; a great-great grandson lives in Montcalm County. Babcock was a farmer, merchant, attorney, investor and political figure — and has descendants still flourishing in the Ionia community.

Carr was an attorney, political figure, investor, broker. Richard Hudson operated the "New York Clothing Store" in Ionia with his son J. L. Hudson, who went on other other, bigger retail enterprises. N. B. Hayes, for whom Hayes Road, north of Muir was named, was a farmer,

merchant, banker, and owned the first telephone company in Muir; his descendants still flourish in Ionia County.

Louis Lovell was an attorney, political figure, Land Office officer, investor; he owned the Lovell-Webber House, the first house east of the Methodist Church, opposite the Ionia County Court House, before G.W. Webber.

W. C. Page was a private banker, produce and grain dealer, landowner, financier; he built the house now occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Blass on East Main Street and built and occupied the building now occupied by Sid's Flower Shop. Hampton Rich was a merchant, legislator, local political official, financier, banker, rail road entrepreneur; he built and occupied the house on the northwest corner of Main and Rich Streets.

G.W. Webber owned the Lovell-Webber House and raised the first and second stories to insert a new ground floor, built the "Webber Block" on the southeast corner of Main and Depot, was a banker, financier, and Representative in Congress.



Frederick Hall

mainder of the time was employed on a fruit farm near the city at twenty-five cents a day. In June, 1861, the family removed to Pontiac, Michigan. There Christopher R. Mabley, who later became one of the great merchants of Detroit, was at the time conducting a small clothing store in which Mr. Hudson became cash boy, porter, salesman and bookkeeper in quick succession. He remained in the establishment for nearly five years, within which the annual business had been increased to an average of one hundred thousand dollars, about half of the trade being of wholesale or jobbing order. In the meanwhile Mr. Mabley and Richard Hudson, father of the subject of this review, had opened a clothing store in Ionia, this state, and in February, 1866, Mr. Mabley sold his interest in the Ionia business to Richard and Joseph L. Hudson, the father and son thereafter continuing to be actively associated in their business enterprises until the death of the former, in 1873, as already noted. Of their operations in Ionia the following has been written: "Their capital was limited, but Joseph's ability and industry made up for the disadvantage, and at the close of the first year they had made four thousand dollars. They also went into the stave business, which at first was quite profitable. Their next acquisition was a flouring mill and the next was a purchase of pine land. They made money in a comparatively rapid way and spread out considerably." Upon the death of the father the business was appraised at a value of forty thousand dollars, half of which was owned by Joseph L., who continued operations under the original firm name of R. Hudson & Son, the interest of the father's estate being retained in the business.

When came the memorable financial panic of 1873 Mr. Hudson, though immeasurably careful and conservative, encountered his full quota of vicissitudes in business. His firm lost heavily along first one line and then another, and though Mr. Hudson made a valiant struggle to weather the storm of financial disaster he finally found himself unable to meet the demands placed upon him and succumbed to the inevitable in 1876, with liabilities of about sixty-eight thousand dollars and with assets

greatly depreciated from legitimate valuations. With typical courage and honesty of purpose, he visited his various creditors and after fully explaining the situation was enabled to settle with all save one on the basis of sixty cents on the dollar. The one firm made an abusive protest and was forthwith paid in full, though this so crippled Mr. Hudson as to leave but little provision for the ordinary exigencies of life. He returned to Ionia and resumed the business of selling clothing, and the confidence reposed in him by the wholesale trade was shown in the fact that his credit continued unimpaired, those with whom he had previously had dealings standing ready to extend him every possible courtesy. Through indefatigable application and good management the concern was put on good footing again and all debts were paid with interest.

In the meantime Mr. Hudson's old friend and employer, C. R. Mabley, had located in Detroit, after one of the most spirited and protracted contests known in the history of merchandising in Michigan, his competitor in the fray having been "Little Jake" Seligman, who later became the street-car magnate of Saginaw. Mabley had built up a most extensive business in Detroit, and he finally placed the management of the enterprise in the hands of Mr. Hudson while he himself made a trip abroad, in 1877. The following description of the renewed association of Messrs. Hudson and Mabley is worthy of perpetuation in this article: "Mabley went with his family to Europe and was back in two months. Then another bargain was made, by which Hudson was to receive fifty dollars per week during the six months terminating January 1, 1878, and also an honorarium which was to be left to Mabley's discretion and the amounts of profits realized during that time. When the six months had elapsed, a calculation was made and it was found that, counting the cost of Mabley's trip to Europe and the fifty dollars per week paid to Hudson, there was a handsome profit of twenty-five thousand dollars. Mabley was delighted and handed ten per cent., or twenty-five hundred dollars, to his efficient friend and employe." The final outcome of this virtual ex-

William Stites

W.H. Smith, Register.

Indenture, Made this twelfth day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand
hundred and eighty seven BETWEEN Richard Gye and Polly Gye his wife and Frederick
and Ann Hall his wife all of the Village of Anna in the County of Erie in
State of Michigan William Stites of the same place of the first part, and

of the second part,
WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Twenty Dollars
Dollars, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof
they confessed and acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, aliened and confirmed; and by these presents
grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs,
assigns, FOREVER, all the following described piece of land situate by me and being in the County of
State of Michigan known and described as follows to wit: The west three feet and eight inches of the East half of Lot number
in the Village of Anna formerly called the Village of Anna in the County of Erie State as the survey of said lot
is accurate and in order that there may be no misunderstanding or doubt about the location of said above described land, it is
expressly understood by and between the parties hereto that the said three feet and eight inches shall commence on
East corner thereof at the center of the West Wall of the building on said East half of Lot number thirty one known as
said building the lower part of which is now occupied by Richard Hall and is in a building shown on the map of the said
part is not over all of the Three feet and eight inches west of the center of said Wall or in case they run more than
and eight inches west of the center of said Wall it is agreed for the future time the survey of said above partially described
commence at the center of said wall on the North line of Main Street in said Village and thence westerly on said
of Main Street to the west line of the East half of Lot number thirty one in said Village to the distance of more
is further agreed and understood by the parties hereto that the parties of the first part reserve a right of way on the said
for the purpose and to the use and of the parties hereto to enter the upper part of their building by a driveway on and adjoin
Wall of said building on the West side thereof and it is hereby agreed and understood by all the parties hereto
that the said driveway shall be kept open for the benefit of all parties hereto and for their heirs and assigns forever to the end
and to be used at all times to occupy the driveway at any and all times have used occupy and enjoy the same
and they further mutually agreed and understood that one Rodolph North End of the foregoing described land is
part of the first part as a right of way for wagons for the accommodation of the said who may be bearing
of said lot number thirty one and said one Rodolph North End is hereby reserved
with all and singular, The hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto; belonging or in anywise appertaining; and the re-
version and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim
demand whatsoever of the said party of the first part, either in Law or Equity, of, in and to the above bargained, pre-
ses, with the said hereditaments and appurtenances, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, as above described,
the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns, FOREVER. And the said
of the first part, for their heirs, executors and administrators, do covenant, grant bargain and agree
nd with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that at the time of the sealing and delivery
these presents, they are well seized of the premises, above described, as of a good, sure, perfect, abso-
and indefeasible Estate of Inheritance in the law, in Fee Simple, and that the said Lands, are free from all
umbrances, whatever, and that the above bargained premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession
of the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, against all and every person or persons lawfully claim-
or to claim the whole or any part thereof, will forever WARRANT AND DEFEND.

Witness Whereof, The parties of the first part have hereunto set their hand and seal the day and year first above written
SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED IN PRESENCE OF

Wm Kennedy
Henry P. Taylor

UNITED STATES
INTERNAL REVENUE
\$100 00
Aug 13. 1887

Frederick Hall [L.S.]
Richard Gye [L.S.]
Polly Gye [L.S.]
Ann Hall [L.S.]

TE OF MICHIGAN, ss. On this twelfth day of August in the year one thousand eight
hundred and eighty seven before me, the subscriber, Arthur B. Hall
aid County, personally appeared Frederick Hall and Ann Hall his wife and Richard Gye and
known to be the same persons described in and who executed the within instrument, who severally acknowledged the same to be
free act and deed; and the said William Stites of the Village of Anna and Polly Gye his wife of said Richard Gye
private examination by me, separate and apart from their said husband, acknowledged that they executed the same freely, and
out any fear of or compulsion from any one.

Henry P. Taylor
Notary Public, Lewis
County, Mich.

by coming for \$100 a year.

L. W. Arnold improves
water power south of river.
Tunnels hill 8 or 10 rods
south of residence, later

140 feet long. To ditch nearby
springs & increase power 1/3.
Now powers Genl's foundry.
Arnold to put in hub factory.

Nov. 6(5) Wages of Christian
Church up.

Nov. 13 - Destructive fire.
D & M depot burned. Wm. T. Ties,
removing freight, caught
in fire and killed. Ties
was a grocer & baker and had
just built a brick store.

Ever stock of cash & Tower
also destroyed. John Resford
and family escaped from upstairs
living room by window -
water tank & tower destroyed.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

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Twentieth-century homes in the district tend to be more modest--Dutch Colonials and bungalows seem to predominate. However, a few larger structures were built, and these contribute strongly to the high-style character of the district. Two of special note are the Greek/Georgian Revival, temple-front house at 168 East Main and the green tile-roof, Italian-style, Gov. Green House at 320 Union.

Ionia contains a number of notable nineteenth- and early twentieth-century church buildings, and the Eastside district several of its own. The oldest is the buff brick, 1867, First Christian Church (Church of Christ) building, which combines detailing with a basically Gothic form and employs a typical Protestant church plan of having the auditorium/sanctuary upstairs above a lower story containing a hall, parlors, and offices. A large westward addition to the south-facing church was made before 1900. This church is notable as one of a small number of Michigan churches patterned after designs by the Philadelphia architect Samuel Sloan published in Sloan's builder's guides. This particular structure follows Design IV in Sloan's City and Suburban Architecture (Philadelphia: J.B. Lippincott & Co., 1859). Other Michigan churches constructed after designs in this book include the 1867-68 Methodist Church in Mason (about fifty miles southeast of Ionia), which also followed Design IV, and the First Congregational Church of 1872 in Saranac, a few miles southwest of Ionia, which was based on Design XXV. Both churches have been destroyed.

one son erected the old house standing on West Main street now occupied by Mr Walter Jenkins, who told me a few days since that there was still one of the big old fashioned fire-places left in the house. As near as I could find out they started the first brick yard; afterwards coming into possession of W. H. Vanderheyden whose father was a brick manufacturer in the State of New York and the output has furnished the material for many houses since an early day.

The first brick store built in Iowa was the one owned by Mr Carlew just opened for a candy store - between Mr Carlew and the Quail. It was 3 stories in height then - the upper story rented to the Messrs Dodge - next east of this was the U. S. Land office - and next east, was the early home of Mr & Mrs Fred K. Hall.

Another store was the Smith-store, now occupied by Lamphun Clothing store & there was the only brick house 60 years ago.

On the side of the block now owned by Mr Jack - there formerly stood a house that certainly must have been a busy one - It was the home of Mr and Mrs Nathaniel Beattie and they were the parents of 7 daughters, and Mr James said they used to have shoulder straps to their skirts and it was a sight on every day to see Mrs Beattie with her hands just full of ironed straps to skirts - ~~the last~~ home of this family still stands on the south side of Main street near Cleveland and when they occupied it was a charming place in a large pleasant yard.

Location of Hudson's New York
Clothing House described in this
1869 Advertisement of the Titus
Bakery as being 'one door west
of the New York Clothing House'.
Also shown on the City Plat of 1891.

S 3RD		N 3RD ST	
FRONT	W. Dwyer	J. M. Smith	R. A. Teomann
	F. W. Stevenson		
	W. Stebbins	Higley	
	L. D. Keale	M. J. Young	
	Mrs. Wilson	Mrs. Titus	H. J. Blom
	W. Tyler	A. Hall	
	T. R. Allen	A. A. Wicks	
	G. Gendreau	M. J. Young	
	R. L. Cornstock	W. Wing	
	G. W. Webber	A. W. Kimball	
	Mrs. R. Cornell	Mrs. R. M. Wilson	M. A. Corry
	H. H. A. Cornell	Laundry	
	G. Calver	M. J. Young	
	R. Root	Mrs. Titus	
	R. L. Cornstock	F. O. Milet	
	J. Lindley	W. R. Cutler	

CITY BAKERY AND REFRESHMENT ROOMS.

On Main Street, one Door West of the N. Y. Clothing House.

MRS. WM. TITUS,
WOULD most respectfully inform the public in
general that she still continues to keep the

CITY BAKERY,
and keeps a good supply of all kinds of Edibles, Pies
and Cakes, Bread, Crackers, Cheese, Hot Tea and
and Coffee, constantly on hand.

WARM MEALS,

at all hours, or a Cold Lunch at any time when called
for. Canned Fruit and Confectionaries. Oysters
served in in any style called for, and for sale by the
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Hudson's location for 1869

CHANGE OF LOCATION.—The
Clothing House, R. Hudson
removed to Carr & Dye's
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Change of Location—The New York
Clothing House, R. Hudson & Son, is
to be removed to Carr & Dye's store
in Union Block, formerly occupied by
Wolf & Gies, about the 10th of March.
This establishment has now received a
mammoth stock of spring goods, which
will be displayed to advantage in the ne
store, where their numerous customers
will find them prepared to do full justice
to gentlemen in want of clothing fashion-
ably made of good materials.

Messrs. Seymour & Montgomery,
feeling the need of enlarged facilities for
the transaction of their increasing
business, have engaged the store vacat-
ed by Messrs. Hudson & Son, and will
remove to it about the same time.

Appeared in the Ionia Daily Sentinel
of March 5, 1870
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REMOVAL.

R. HUDSON & SON

HAVE REMOVED TO THE

Corner Store of UNION BLOCK,

and have just received a

LARGESTOCK of NEW GOODS

which were bought at Low Figures, and

WILL BE SOLD CHEAP!

NEW YORK CLOTHING HOUSE.

R. HUDSON & SON.

IONIA, March 12, 1870.

Certificate of Probate of Will,
ESTATE OF

Received for Record, this 5th day of Sept A. D. 1899 at 9
o'clock A. M.

Ann Hall

C. B. Goodwin Registrar
Deputy Registrar

I Ann Hall of the City and County of Ionia and State of Michigan make this my last will. I give, devise, and bequeath my estate and property real and personal that as to say,
- All to my daughter Marion H. Forster for her own use and benefit and to her heirs or assigns forever and, I appoint the said Marion H. Forster my sole executrix of this my will. In witness whereof I have signed and sealed and published and declared this instrument as my will at Ionia Michigan on the 24th day of July 1886.

Ann Hall (L.S.)
The said Ann Hall at Ionia Mich. on the 24th day of July 1886, signed and sealed this instrument and published and declared the same as and for her will. And at her request, and in her presence, and in the presence of others, have herunto written our names as subscribing witnesses.

Ethan J. Montgomery

Anna B. Miller

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State of Michigan
County of Ionia

} s.d.

Probate Court for said County.

I, Charles L. Wilson, Judge and ex officio Clerk of the Probate Court for said County, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of order admitting will to probate in the matter of the last and testament of Ann Hall deceased, with the original Record thereof, now remaining in this office, and that the same is a correct Transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original Record. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said Probate Court, at Ionia in said County, this 19th day of July A.D. 1899.



Charles L. Wilson
Judge of Probate

State of Michigan.
COUNTY OF IONIA.

} ss.

At a session of the Probate Court, for the County of Ionia, holden at the Probate Office, in the city of Ionia, on Monday the 27th day of September in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine.
Present, Charles L. Wilson Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of

Ann Hall Deceased.

This day having been assigned Marion H. Torrie daughter of said deceased for hearing the petition of Marion H. Torrie praying, amongst other things, for the Probate of the Instrument heretofore filed in this Court purporting to be the last Will and Testament of said deceased. Now come Marion H. Torrie the said petitioner. and no one app-earing to object.
And it appearing to the Court by due proof on file, that a copy of the order of this Court, touching the hearing of said petition, made on the 25th day of September last past, has been duly served personally published as therein directed, whereby all parties interested in the premises, were duly notified of said hearing.

Whereupon, Ethan J. Montgomery one of the subscribing witnesses to said instrument appeared in Court, and made oath that he saw the said Ann Hall at Ionia in said County of Ionia, sign, seal, and heard her publish and declare the said instrument to be her last Will and Testament and that he and Anna B. Miller subscribing witnesses, at the same time, attested the same, and subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of each other, and of the said Testator, and at her request; and that she was then, according to the discernment of said Montgomery of sane mind.

And it further appearing that said Ann Hall last dwelt and had her residence in, and was an inhabitant of Ionia in said County, and there died.
And the evidence touching the premises being maturely considered, and it satisfactorily appears to this Court, that said instrument is duly proved, and ought to be allowed as the last Will and Testament of said deceased.

It is Therefore Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, by this Court, that said Instrument be approved, allowed, established, and have full force and effect, as the last Will and Testament of said deceased; and that the same be recorded as required by law.

And it is further Ordered, that the execution of said Will be committed, and the administration of the estate of said deceased be granted to said Marion H. Torrie in said Will named, who is ordered to give bond in the penal sum of Five Thousand dollars, with sufficient sureties, as required by the statute in such case made and provided; and upon the same being duly approved and filed, the LETTERS TESTAMENTARY do issue in the premises.

State of Michigan,
COUNTY OF IONIA.

} ss.

Charles L. Wilson Judge of Probate.
PROBATE COURT FOR SAID COUNTY

Be it Remembered, That the annexed Instrument, being the last Will and Testament of Ann Hall in said County, deceased, was duly proved, approved, allowed, and ordered to be recorded, as more fully appears by the decree of said Court, of which the foregoing is a true, full, and correct copy.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Probate Court, at Ionia in said County, this 19th day of July in the year one thousand eight hundred and ninety nine.



Judge of Probate

Received for Record the 24th day
of Feb'y A.D. 1914, at 12:10
o'clock P.M.

John C. Beattie, Register.

This Indenture, Made this 20th day of January, A.D. 1914, between Marion Hall Fowler of the City of Palo Alto, California, party of the first part and Thomas A. Carten and Etta Carten, husband and wife of Ionia, Michigan, parties of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to her in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, aliened and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien, and confirm unto the said parties of the second part, and to their survivors, heirs, and assigns, FOREVER, all that certain piece or parcel of land situated and being in the City of Ionia and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at a point on the north line of Main Street in said City in a line with the center of the East Main Wall of the old Masonic Hall Building, so-called, on the east half of the east half of lot number thirty-one (31), according to the recorded plat of Ionia County Seat (now City of Ionia); thence westerly on the north line of of west Main Street to a point on the east line of a strip of land on said lot number thirty-one (31), said strip of land being three and eight-twelfths (3-8/12) feet in width which was conveyed by Frederick Hall and Ann Hall his wife, and Richard Dye and wife by deed dated August 12th, 1867 to William Titus, and which deed is of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in said County of Ionia in Liber 39 of Deeds on page 181; thence northerly on said east line of said strip of land sold as aforesaid to Titus, to the north line of lots number thirty and thirty-one (30 and 31) in said plat of Ionia County Seat; thence easterly on the north line of said lots thirty and thirty-one (30 and 31) to a point in a line with the center of the east main wall of said old Masonic Hall Building; thence southerly to the place of beginning.

Also conveying hereby to said second parties all rights of said first party in and to a right of way over the north one rod of said east one foot and four inches of said lot thirty-one (31), and over the north one rod of lots twenty-nine (29), 30 and thirty-one (30 and 31) and the east twelve and one-half feet of lot fourteen (14), said right of way being more fully described in Liber 67 of Deeds of page 194 and in Liber 57 of Deeds, page 243 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Ionia County, Michigan, intending hereby also to convey a right of way for business purposes under the same conditions over the following described land, commencing at a point seventy-one (71) feet and two (2) inches west, and 7 rods north of the south-east corner of lot No. 29, thence running west 22 feet; thence north one rod; thence east 22 feet, and thence south one rod to the place of beginning.

Intending hereby also to convey to said second parties all the rights, privileges and reservations set forth in the aforesaid deed given by Richard Dye and wife and Frederick Hall and wife to William Titus, August 12th, 1867.

together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises as herein described with the appurtenances, unto the said parties of the second part and to their survivor, heirs and assigns FOREVER.

And the said Marion Hall Fowler, party of the first part, for herself, her heirs, executors and administrators, does covenant, grant, bargain and agree to and with the said parties of the second part, their survivor, heirs and assigns, that at the time of the ensembling and delivery of these presents she is well seized of the above granted premises in fee simple and that they are free from all incumbrances whatever and that she will and her heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and defend the same against all lawful claims whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said party of the first part has herein set her hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered

in the presence of

Marion Hall Fowler

Marion Hall Fowler L.S.

F. Schneider

State of California,

ss.

County of Santa Clara,

On this 20th day of January, A.D. 1914, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally appeared Marion Hall Fowler to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the within instrument, who acknowledged the same to be her free act and deed.

My commission expires June 6, 1914

Frederick Schneider

Notary Public, Santa Clara County, Cal.

Notary's Seal.

This is the deed for the 3 & 8/12 foot wide stairway between the Titus Bakery at 342 West Main St. and 340 West Main Street. From Marion Hall Fowler to Thomas A. Carten in 1914.

It clearly lists the store at 340 (twice) as the old Masonic Hall Building.

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306	Allen Bros. C.	337	Robb & Reed, B-C.
307	Rector Bakery, C.	338	Quality Store, B-C.
307	E. W. Merriett & Co., C.	338	Mrs. Ada L. Howe.
308	Allen Bros., C.	339	Percy Churchill.
309	Douglas Shoe Co.	340	The Princess, C.
309	Stanley Nead.	340	Thomas A. Carten, B-C.
310	Cutler-Lauster Drug Co., B.	341	Central Market, B-C.
310	John Marsh.	343	A. F. Caine.
310	Frank J. Hoar.	344	T. A. Carten, B-C.
311	M. Agostini, C.	345	Spaulding & Powell, B-C.
311	Julia C. Biehler, B.	345	George Wright.
311	E. E. Slye.	345	Charles A. Ireland, B-C.
312	The Mystic Theatre.	347	Tennie Cogan-Johns.
312	The Ionia Standard, B.	348	John F. Wagner, C.
313	N. Silver.	348	G. A. R. Hall.
314	Sugar Bowl, C.		N. and S. Third Sts. begin.
315	Sylvanus Hemens, B.	401	F. W. Stevenson & Co., B-C.
315	Silver-Graff Block.	401	Odd Fellows Hall.
315	Edwin A. Murphy, B.	402	Bert Lampkin, B.
315	Martin V. Cook, B.	402	Dr. J. J. Defendorf, B.
316	Fred Young & Co., B-C.	402	K. of C. Hall.
	North and South Cornell	403	F. W. Stevenson & Co., B-C.
	Place begins.	403	Humphreys & Kilmartin
318	Smith, Smith & McSween, B-C.	404	Snyder & Laux.
318	Mrs. Kate Grover.	404	Elks Temple, B-C.
318	Fern Curtiss.	405	F. W. Stevenson & Co., B-C.
319	New Cornell Block.	406	Wm. A. Gemuend.
319	R. P. Ray & Co., B.	406	Elks Temple, B-C.
319	Albert L. Smith, B-C.	407	Nelson's Restaurant.
320	Thomas McGannon.	408	Frank Francis.
320	Dr. Clarence G. Winchell, B-C.	409	Wm. Payne, B-C.
320	Park T. Wilson, B-C.	409	Mrs. Maude S. Gray, C.
320	Wallace H. Haight.	410	Edward D. Decker, B-C.
320	Wilson's Studio, B-C.	411	Ross & Hamilton.
320	Louis Thompson.	412	G. H. McMullen & Co.
321	Economy Store.	414	D. Z. Brooks, B-C.
321	Fred Ward.	416	John C. Beattie, B.
322	Winchell & Giddings, B.	416	Andrew Greene.
323	George Hackett, C.	417	Austin & Darling, C.
323	George H. Pettengill, Jr.	418	Lyle S. Clark-B.
324	Fred J. Whitney.	418	C. M. Shetler.
325	G. W. French & Son, B-C.	419	Ernest W. Thomas, B-C.
326	State Savings Bank, B-C.	419	George Gould.
326	Drs. Bess & Mary Strong, C.	420	S. Agostini, C.
327	T. R. Buck, B.	420	Robert H. Lotner.
328	Winchell & Stone, B-C.	421	D. G. Adair & Co.
328	Manley Aldrich.	421	D. G. Adair.
329	Louis H. Morgenthaler, C.	422	City Bakery, B.
329	George C. Gundrum, C.	423	Gilmore & Jackson.
330	Family Theatre, C.	424	Dan Balice & Co.
330	Frederick Jacobi.	424	Jason L. Bates.
332	R. M. Cheney, C.	424	Henry Thompson.
333	Dr. Thomas R. Allen, B-C.	425	Henry Gable, B-C.
334	Dr. C. E. Hathaway, B-C.	425	Bernice Rogers.
335	Dr. Thomas R. Allen, B-C.	426	Collar & Hulliberger, B-C.
336	Quality Store, B-C.		

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| 327 Bert Lampkin & Son, B | 406 The Hub |
| 328 Winchell & Stone, B-C | 407 Geo E Hackett, C |
| 329 Louis H Morgenthaler, C | 407½ Mrs Sophia Hewitt |
| 329½ Frank J Loree, C | 408 Zuber Bros |
| 330 Family Theatre, C | 409 L C Jones & Co, C |
| 330½ Wm W Comstock | 409½ Claude S Jackson |
| 331 The Fashion, B-C | 409½ Charles Bradenberg |
| 332 Ralph M Cheney, C | 410 Decker Bros, B |
| 332½ Benj F Havens | 410½ Wilbur D Hillman |
| 332½ John H Green | 410½ Mrs Frances E Fuller |
| 332½ Henry H Hamilton | 411 Ross & Hamilton, C |
| 323 The Fashion, B-C | 411½ H A Ross |
| 333½ Dr C E Hathaway, B-C | 412 Harry K Campbell, B |
| 333½ Dr R R Whitten, B-C | 412½ Lee Bliss |
| 335 Goodyear Shoe Repair Co | 414 Mansfield Hoag & Co, B-C |
| 335½ Dr R L Benedict, B-C | 416 John C Beattie, B |
| 335½ Branch & Cooper, B-C | 416½ Andrew Green |
| 335½ Ionia Bldg & Loan Assn, B-C | 417 Austin & Darling, C |
| 336 Quality Store, B-C | 417 Ionia Creamery |
| 338 Quality Store, B-C | 418 Hiler & Baird, B |
| 337 Robb & Reed, B-C | 419 Willard Storage Battery Station |
| 338 Quality Store, B-C | 419 Ernest W. Thomas, B-C |
| 339 Percy Churchill | 419½ Ernest W Thomas |
| 340 Columbia Candy Co, C | 420 Agostini Block |
| 341 Central Market, B-C | 420 S Agostini, C |
| 342 Thos A Carten, B-C | 420½ Charles L Davis |
| 343 Adelaide F Caine | 420½ Mrs Lelia Smith |
| 344 Thos A Carten, B-C | 420½ James M Barkdull |
| 345 Spaulding & Powell, B-C | 421 Guy Balice, C |
| 345½ Mrs Maude L Davis | 421½ Guy Balice |
| 345½ Mrs Nettie M Hines | 421½ George River |
| 345½ Mrs Lillian Delaney | 422 City Bakery, B |
| 346 Charles A Ireland, B-C | 422½ S Agostini |
| 347 Anthony Scully, C | 423 Earl A Stanard |
| 347 Deyman & McLaughlin | 423½ Earl A Stanard |
| 347 Schipper & Scheid | 424 Natl Elec Shoe Rep Shop, C |
| 347 City Shoe Hospital | 424 Natl Vulcanizing Works |
| 347½ Edward Walker | 424½ R T Wood, C |
| 348 John F Wagner, C | 425 Henry Gable, B-C |
| 348½ G A R Hall | 425 Frank M Wirtz |
| North and South Steele streets begin | 425½ Wm A Brisbin |
| 401 F W Stevenson Co, B-C | 426 Ogilvie Auto Co, B-C |
| 401½ Charles K Calkins | 427 The Orpheum Theatre |
| 401½ Mrs Florence Kurk (rear) | 429 John Martin |
| 401½ Roy D Servoss | 430 Frank D Elwass |
| 401½ I O O F Hall, B-C | 430½ S A Tombs |
| 402 Vacant store | 432 John C Klenk |
| 402½ Dr S H Chase | 432½ Louis M Smoot |
| 402½ K of C Hall | 434 Chas F Schnell, C |
| 403 F W Stevenson Co, B-C | 434½ Geo Pettengill |
| 403½ Humphreys & Kilmartin | 434½ J George Summ |
| 404 Joseph Laux | 436 Hutchins Bros, B-C |
| 404 American Cafeteria | 436½ Mrs Gertrude I Eisler |
| 404½ Elks Temple, B-C | 436½ Mrs Nellie Antcliff |
| 406 Cowan & Toutenboofd | 438 Coral A Stilwell, C |

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- 323½ Regent Theatre Office*
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- 323½ Maynard Dr H M*
- 324 French G W & Son Co*
- 324½ Selleck Earl G
- 324½ Burke Ezra E
- 325 Ionian Five and Ten Cent Store (The)*
- 325½ Schlernitzauer Frank M
- 326 State Savings Bank*
- 327 Lampkin Bert & Son*
- 327 G A R Hall
- 327½ Women's Relief Corps
- 327½ Lucullus Lodge No 76
- 327½ K of P Hall
- 328 Winchell & Stone*
- 328½ Johns Dr Joseph*
- 329 Lampkin Bert & Son*
- 330 Family Theatre
- 330½ Was vacant
- 331 McNamara Bros*
- 331½ Was vacant
- 332 National Fruit Co*
- 332½ Bosh Samuel J
- 333 Fashion (The)*
- 333½ Whitten Dr R R*
- 333½ Hathaway Dr C E*
- 336 Quality Store*
- 336 Hutchins Mrs Marvel L*
- 337 Thomas C Stores
- 337½ Benedict Dr R L*
- 339 Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Co (The)
- 340 Hutchins Charles R*
- 340 Eckert's Cash Mkt*
- 340½ Cartens C Wall Paper Shoppe*
- 341 Churchill Percy
- 342 Woolworth F W Co (The)*
- 342 United Dress Shops*
- 343 People's Cash Mkt*
- 344 Ireland Charles A*
- 345 Columbia Candy Kitchen*
- 346 Wagner Bros*
- 347 Spaulding Nelson J*
- 347½ Kerr James
- 348 Wagner Bros*
- 349 Scheid Leonard N

- 351 Martha Washington Cafe*
- 351½ Scully Anthony
- 351½ Lair Frank
- N & S Steele begin
- 401 Stevenson F W Co (The)*
- 401 Sperry & Hutchinson
- 401½ I O O F Hall
- 401½ Humphreys Maude E
- 401½ Associated Truck Lines*
- 401 Crego Land Co*
- 402 Hiler & Baird*
- 402½ Vacant Office
- 402½ K of C Hall & Club
- 404 American Cafeteria*
- 405 Stevenson F W Co*
- 408 Hub (The)*
- 408½ Elks Temple & Club*
- 409 Hackett George E*
- 409½ McAvoy James
- 410 I Bldg & Loan Assn*
- 410 Branch & Cooper*
- 410 Locke Allen B*
- 410 Accommodation Loan Co
- 410 Lombard Coal Co*
- 410 Pierce Glenn L*
- 411 Jones Lee E*
- 411½ Jones Lee E
- 412 V & R Chain Stores Co*
- 412½ Fuller Mrs Frances E
- 413 Ross & Hamilton*
- 413 Ross & Hamilton
- 414 Campbell Harry K*
- 414½ Hodge Frank
- 415 Benedict Ross W*
- 415½ Ionian Credit Exchange*
- 416 Curtis George E & Sons*
- 416½ Soule Frank E
- 418 Johnson Shoe Co*
- 420 Miller, Jones Shoe Co*
- 420½ Was vacant
- 421 Ionian Maytag Co*
- 421 Gladys Shop*
- 421 Modern Dry Cleaners*
- 421 Brooks Emira B*
- 421 MacKendry Wm R*
- 422 Agostini Silano*
- 423 People's Bargain Store
- 423 Walenta Joseph P
- 423½ Balice Guy
- 424 Ionian Baking Co*
- 424½ Agostini Silano

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| 331½ Pankhurst Charles T MD * | 424 Alfonso Vito |
| 332 Lampkin Bert & Son | 424½ Agostini Silano |
| 332½ McAvoy James | 425 Dunning's Auto Parts * |
| 333 McLellan 5c to \$1.00 Store * | 425 Kleins Bump Shop (rear) |
| 333½ Whitten Raymond R Dr * | 425½ Hoag Nellie A Mrs |
| 333¾ Hathaway Claude E Dr * | 428 Kroger Gro & Bkg Co |
| 333¾ Sweet Arthur B Dr * | 426½ Was vacant |
| 334 Quality Store * | 427 Hamilton Henry H |
| 336 Quality Store * | 427½ Was vacant |
| 337 Townsend's Out Rate Drug Store * | 428 Ionia Maytag Co * |
| 337½ Hilton-Cooper Agency * | 429 Wirtz Frank M * |
| 339 Brandner Carl | 429 Gable Plumbing & Heating |
| 339 Bradner Carl | 429½ Was vacant |
| 340 Shinner E G & Co * | 431 Was vacant |
| 340½ Carten Frank A | 432 Brunn Walter W Co * |
| 341 Was vacant | 433 Falsetta Frank |
| 342 Adams Wm E * | 434 Klenk John O |
| 342 Leo's Accessory Shop * | 434 Brown Jos W |
| 343 Fate Wilbur J | 436 Wooden Emmett D * |
| 344 Woolworth F W Co (The) * | 436½ Was vacant |
| 345 Liberty Cafe | 438 Schnell Charles F |
| 346 Ireland Hdw Co * | 438½ Was vacant |
| 347 Spaulding Nelson J * | 439 Armory (The) * |
| 347½ Grove Roy | 440 Lewis Cleo A * |
| 348 Wagner Bros * | 440 Ionia News Co * |
| 349 Scheid Leonard N | 442 Showers Henry O |
| 351 Martha Washington Cafe * | 442 Erhovaky John (bsmt) |
| 351½ Nedrow Frank | 442½ Showers Henry O |
| 351½ Lair Fred | 444 Great A & P Tea Co (The) |
| —N & S Steele begin | 444½ Speckin Bernard G |
| 401 Stevenson's * | 446 Was vacant |
| 401½ Knoll Andrew | 446½ Was vacant |
| 402 Hiller's | —N & S Dexter begin |
| 402½ Humphreys Maude E | 501 Reed Inn * |
| 404 Wever's | 504 O'Brien-Shepard Co * |
| 405 Stevenson's * | 504½ Was vacant |
| 408 Leland Radio & Elec Serv-ice * | 508 O'Brien-Shepard Co * |
| 408 McPherson Electric Shop * | 510 Hodges Elliott S |
| 408½ Elks Temple & Club * | 514 Ross Robert F |
| 409 Hackett George E * | 515 Quirk Evert |
| 409½ Was vacant | 516 Harding Norman W |
| 410 Ionia Building & Loan Association | 516 Byer Ernest |
| 410 Locke Allen B * | 517 Was vacant |
| 410 Accommodation Loan Co * | 518 Morgenthaler Sophia B Mrs |
| 410 Lombard Coal Co * | 521 Patrick Daniel |
| 410 Pierce Glenn L * | 524 O'Connell S Bruce * |
| 411 McGee Frank E * | 525 Maynard Oramond |
| 411½ Jones Lee E | 527 Smith Marshall H |
| 412 Decker & Greenhoe * | 530 Stebbins Funeral Home * |
| 412½ Fuller Frances E Mrs | 530 Stebbins Allen E * |
| 413 Ionia Radio Shop * | 533 Gilchrist Ralph * |
| 413 Beebe Russell L * | 533 Christopher Ethel O Mrs |
| 413½ Tyler Ray A | 533½ Was vacant |
| 414 Campbell Harry E * | 538 McQuillan Joseph |
| 414½ Was vacant | 538 McQuillan Leon A |
| 415 Benedict Ross W * | 538 Miller Norman J |
| 415½ Benedict Ross W | 539 Green Kenneth E |
| 416 Curtis George E & Son * | 539½ Sproat Wm |
| 416½ Was vacant | —No intersection |
| 418 Johnson Shoe Co * | 602 Gray Maude S Mrs |
| 420 Amie's Tavern * | 604 Brunn Walter W |
| 420½ Was vacant | 605 Sherd LaVern H |
| 421 Chance Ivan L * | 607 Was vacant |
| 421 Modern Dry Cleaners * | 608 Whiting Melvin J |
| | 608 Basso Anthony |
| | 614 Marshall Addie H Mrs * |

DIAMONDS

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STORES

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COMPLETE HOME FURNISHINGS

218-220 W. Main

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| 340 Shinner E G & Co * | 421 Modern Dry Cleaners * |
| 340½ Carten Frank A | 421 Chance Ivan L (rear) * |
| 341 Western Auto Associate Stores * | 422 Amie's Tavern * |
| 342 Leo's Accessory Shop * | 422½ Williams Irma Mrs |
| 343 Fate Wilbur J * | 423 Grand Valley Tavern |
| 344 Woolworth F W Co (The) | 423½ Balice Guy |
| 345 Liberty Cafe | 424 Alfonso Vito |
| 346 Ireland Hardware Co * | 424½ Agostini Silano |
| 347 Spaulding Nelson J * | 425 Beebe Radio Service * |
| 347½ Grove Roy | 425 Was vacant (rear) |
| 348 Wagner Bros * | 425½ Hoag Nellie A Mrs |
| 349 Scheid Leonard N | 426 Kroger Gro & Bkg Co |
| 351 Martha Washington Cafe | 426½ Farnsworth Georgia A Mrs |
| 351½ Lair Fred | 427 Hamilton Henry H |
| 351½ Nedrow Frank | 427½ Raymond Walter |
| 351½ McAvoy James | 428 Butler-Maytag Co * |
| —N & S Steele begin | 429 Secy of State Branch Office * |
| 401 Stevenson's * | 429 Boardman's * |
| 401½ County Agricultural Conservation Assn * | 429 Wirtz Frank M * |
| 401½ County Agricultural Agent * | 429½ Was vacant |
| 401½ Cribbs W C | 431 Was vacant |
| 401½ Hilton-Cooper Agency * | 432 Brunn Walter W Co * |
| 402 Hilers * | 433 Was vacant |
| 402½ Humphreys Maude E | 434 Klenk John C |
| 404 Wever's * | 435 Falsetta Frank |
| 405 Stevenson's * | 436 Van Houten Cleo W * |
| 408 McPherson Electric Shop* | 436½ Ritchey Roy W |
| 408½ Elks Temple & Club | 436½ Ward Clifford |
| 409 Hackett George E * | 436½ Van Houten Cleo W |
| 409½ Was vacant | 438 Schnell Charles F |
| 410 Ionia Building & Loan Assn * | 438 Redemsky R L & Son (br) |
| 410 Pierce Glenn L * | 438½ Schnell Reinhold J |
| 411 Central Market | 439 Armory (The) * |
| 411½ Jones Lee E | 439 Bennett Richard L |
| 412 Decker & Greenhoe * | 440 Ionia News Co * |
| 412½ Fuller Frances E Mrs | 442 Balice Daniel |
| 412½ Perce Frank | 442 Kthovsky John (bsmt) |
| 413 Superior Cleaners * | 442½ Holland Cecil V Mrs |
| 413½ Halford George H | 442½ Underhill Morton L |
| 413½ Teall Curtis J | 444 Was vacant |
| 414 Campbell Harry K * | 444½ King Elwin N |
| 414½ Humphreys Maude E Mrs * | 444½ Knapp Donald E |
| 415 Great A & P Tea Co (The) | 446 Sandwich Grill |
| 415½ Was vacat | 446½ Was vacant |
| 416 Curtis George E & Son * | —N & S Dexter begin |
| 416½ Murray Anna C Mrs | 501 Reed Inn (The) * |
| 418 Johnson Shoe Co * | 504 Berger & Lyons Chevrolet * |
| 420 Amie's Tavern * | 504½ Was vacant |
| 420½ Antcliff Chester | 508 Berger & Lyons Chevrolet * |
| 421 Ionia Chamber of Commerce * | 510 Hodges Elliott S |
| 421 Ionia Free Fair Assn * | 514 Perry Alton G |
| | 515 Harding Norman W |
| | 515 Quick Evert |

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 IONIA Phone 647 W LOWELL Phone 243F3

1938/39

The Grantor(s) ROBERT G. FRENCH, survivor of himself, HENRIETTA FRENCH, now deceased and RUTH M. FRENCH, husband & wife, of 40 Lovell Place, Ionia, MI 48846.

quit-claim(s) to ROBERT G. FRENCH and RUTH M. FRENCH, husband and wife, as tenants by the entirety whose address is 40 Lovell Place, Ionia, MI 48846

the following described premises situated in the City of Ionia, County of Ionia and State of Michigan:

Commencing at the center of the east wall of the old Masonic Temple Building, thence west about twenty-four (24) feet, thence North to North line of Lot number thirty-one (31), thence east to a point directly north of center of the east wall of the old Masonic Temple Building aforesaid, thence south to place of beginning, all on Lot No. 31, of the original plat of the City of Ionia, being the property now known and described as No. 340 West Main St., Ionia, Michigan.

This deed shall also convey to the parties of the second part all of the right, title and interest of party of the first part in and to all stairways leading to the upper story of the building on said premises on the west side of the above described premises.

This deed is made to create a tenancy by the entireties between the Grantees herein. No transfer tax is required.

The death certificate of Henrietta French is recorded in Liber 505 of deeds on Page 605 in the office of Ionia County Michigan Register of Deeds. for the sum of Love and Affection.

Dated this 23rd day of January, 1991.

Signed in presence of:

Douglas R. Welch
* Douglas R. Welch
Barbara A. Laux
* Barbara A. Laux

Signed by:

Robert G. French
* ROBERT G. FRENCH
Ruth M. French
* RUTH M. FRENCH

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
COUNTY OF Ionia } ss.

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 23rd day of January, 1991, by Robert G. French and Ruth M. French, husband and wife

Barbara A. Laux
* Barbara A. Laux

Notary Public, Ionia County, Michigan
My commission expires: October 24, 1994

When Recorded Return To:

(Name)

(Street Address)

(City and State)

Send Subsequent Tax Bills To:

Drafted By:

Douglas R. Welch P-22160

Business Address:

220 W. Main Street

P.O. Box 123

Ionia, MI 48846

Tax Parcel #

Recording Fee

Transfer Tax



This Indenture, Made this Sixth day of May,

in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-six,

BETWEEN Esther M. Carten, survivor of herself and Etta Carten, deceased,

and Henrietta French and Robert C. French, mother and son respectively, as joint tenants with rights of survivorship and not as tenants in common, of Lovell Place, Ionia, Michigan,

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations to her in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, does by these presents grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and their assigns and the heirs and assigns, FOREVER, all that certain piece or parcel of land situate and being in the City of Ionia, and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the center of the east wall of the old Masonic Temple Building, thence west about twenty-four (24) feet, thence north to north line of Lot number thirty-one (31), thence east to a point directly north of center of the east wall of the old Masonic Temple Building aforesaid, thence south to place of beginning, all on Lot No. 31, of the original plat of the City of Ionia, being the property now known and described as No. 310 West Main St., Ionia, Michigan.

This deed shall also convey to the parties of the second part all of the right, title and interest of party of the first part in and to all stairways leading to the upper story of the building on said premises on the west side of the above described premises.

SAVING AND RESERVING to party of the first part herein the use, rent free, for two months from and after this date of the living apartment on the second floor of the building on said premises now occupied by said party of the first part, and thereafter party of the first part reserves said apartment, if she desires to rent the same, for two years at a monthly rental of \$25.00, payable to parties of the second part; and party of the first part shall have an option, at the expiration of said two-year period, to rent said apartment for a further period of three years, the rent for said three-year period to be adjusted between said parties if said first party exercises said option.

Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, **To Have and to Hold** the said premises, as herein described, with the appurtenances, unto the said parties of the second part and to their assigns, and the heirs and assigns, of the said party of the first part, FOREVER. And the said Esther M. Carten,

for herself, her heirs, executors and administrators, do as covenant, grant, bargain and agree to and with the said parties of the second part their assigns, and the heirs and assigns, that at the time of the enrolling and delivery of these presents she is well seized of the above granted premises in fee simple; that they are free from all incumbrances whatever except a lease covering the first floor and basement of the building on said premises given by party of the first part herein to Leonard Dhaene and assigned by said lessor to Jay's Nut Shoppe, which lease expires June 1, 1947, and which lease party of the

REAL ESTATE SUMMARY SHEET

Parcel: 201-050-000-250-00 Owner's Name: FRENCH, ROBERT G & RUTH M

Property Address: 340 W MAIN ST Map #:

Property Class: 201 School District: 34010 Unit '34-'
Prev. Class : 201 Neighborhood: I-CB.Commercial (Business District)
Public Impr.: Paved Road, Storm Sewer, Water, Sewer, Electric, Gas, Curb

Legal Description: Mailing Address:
CITY OF IONIA ORIGINAL TOWN W 24FT OF E 40 LOVELL PL
25 3/4FT LOT 31 IONIA, MI 48846

Physical Property Characteristics		
2002 S.E.V.: 34,600	Taxable: 29,888	Land Value: 14,400
2001 S.E.V.: 34,600	Taxable: 29,888	Acreage: 0.07
Zoning: B-2		Frontage: 24.0
Homestead: 0.000%	Land Impr. Value:	Average Depth: 132.0

REAL ESTATE SUMMARY SHEET

Parcel: 34-201-050-000-250-00

Owner's Name: RAGNOLI, LINDA

Property Address: 340 W MAIN ST

Map #:

Property Class: 201 School District: 34010 IONIA PUBLIC
 Prev. Class : 201 Neighborhood: I-CB.Commercial (Business District)
 Public Impr.: Paved Road, Storm Sewer, Sidewalk, Water, Sewer, Electric, Gas,
 Curb, Street Lights, Standard Utilities
 Topography: Level

Legal Description:
 CITY OF IONIA ORIGINAL TOWN W 24FT OF E
 25 3/4FT LOT 31

Mailing Address:
 4045 LOCH DR
 HIGHLAND MI 48357

----- Most Recent Sale Information -----

Sold on 12/20/2002 for 76,000 by FRENCH, ROBERT G & RUTH M.

Terms of Sale: Warranty Deed

Liber/Page:

----- Physical Property Characteristics -----

2003 S.E.V.: 42,800	Taxable: 42,800	Land Value: 12,000
2002 S.E.V.: 40,500	Taxable: 30,844	Acreage: 0.07
Zoning: B-2		Frontage: 24.0
Homestead: 0.000%	Land Impr. Value:	Average Depth: 132.0

----- Improvement Data -----

# of Residential Buildings: 0	# of Ag. Buildings: 0
Year Built: 0	Est. TCV:
Occupancy: Single Family	
Class: D	# of Commercial Buildings: 2
Style: 1 STY	Type: Store, Retail
Exterior:	Desc: 1ST FLOOR
% Good (Physical): 0	Class: C
Heating System: Forced Air w/o Ducts	Quality: Low Cost
Electric - Amps Service: 0	Built: 0 Remodeled: 0
# of Bedrooms: 0	Overall Building Height: 28
Full Baths: 0 Half Baths: 0	Floor Area: 5,282
Floor Area:	Sale Price/Floor Area: 14.39
Ground Area:	Est. TCV: 73,562
Garage Area:	
Basement Area:	Cmts:
Basement Walls:	
Est. TCV:	

From: <battery1@iserv.net>
To: First United Methodist <ioniafum@iserv.net>
Sent: Monday, June 18, 2001 8:01 AM
Attach: scan0.jpg
Subject: 340 W. Main

Dear Karen,

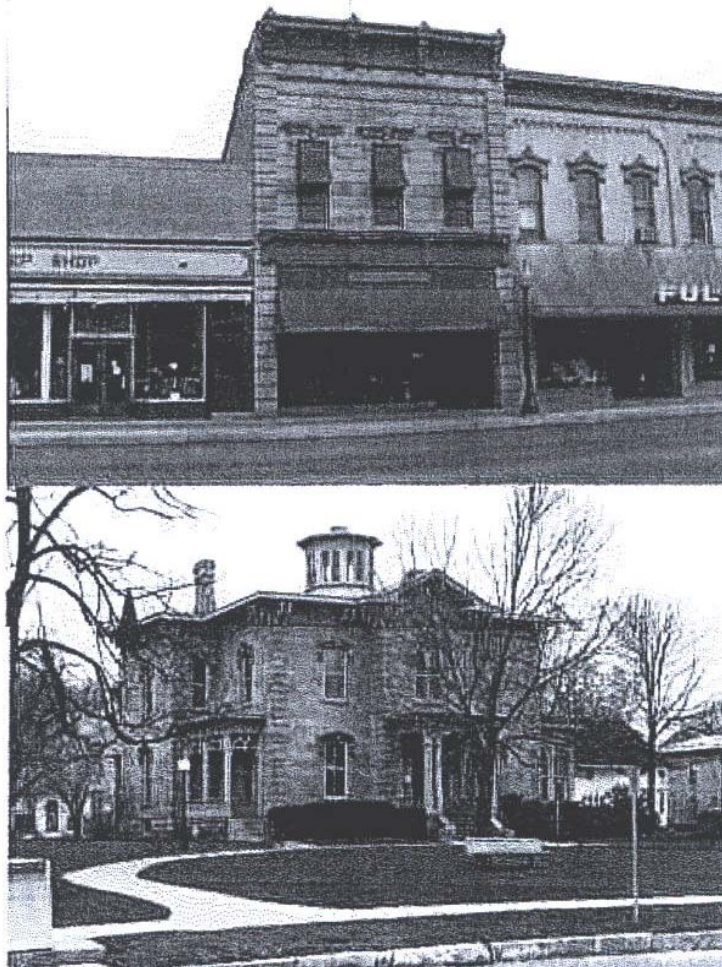
I'm sure you are still being helpful to the people in the congregation, and would like to ask a favor from you.

By coincidence, I concluded a long study on the French building downtown just as Bob's condition worsened. I believe that it is a sister structure to the Hall Fowler Library, built in 1868 by a very rich Frederick Hall. Buck's Variety Store was built in 1865. Mr. Hall owned one of the quarries in section 22/23. He owned the French lot from 1859 until his wife died in 1897, then being sold to Thomas Carten as the easternmost portion of his department store, which wrapped around the corner, and continued north for most of Steele St. Mr. Carten & family made their home on the second floor of French's store. The French family bought their store from Mr. Carten.

As if that wasn't enough, it looks very much as if it was the first store of Joseph Hudson and his father, when Joseph arrived in 1866. Their first store is described in their advertisements in the Sentinel as "the first store west of the National Bank", lacking any street numbers at that time. The National Bank, foundation for their huge safe still in the basement, is now Buck's Variety Store at 326 W. Main.

Will you please see that someday, someday, when Ruth can handle this, she gets a copy of this in a kindly, gentle manner. She has been probably the best caregiver ever, and I'm sure the illness exhausted her. I do want her to know that it isn't just a store, and however she chooses to handle it, it is a valuable item.

Thank You, Friend
Marilyn Webster



Ionia County Register of Deeds & Abstract Office

Diane M. Adams, Register

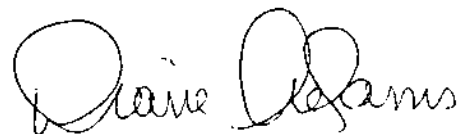
***Courthouse - P.O. Box 35
Ionia, Michigan 48846
Phone: (616) 527-5320
Fax: (616) 527-5380***

Marilyn:

This is fabulous work! I'd have to agree with you completely on the origin of French's store, given the information you have here.

What a complete and thorough job you've done.

Thank you so much for sharing it with me.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Adams". The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first name "Diane" and the last name "Adams" clearly distinguishable.

GHOST STORIES

When you hear a man say "We've got a PIANO here just as good as the IVERS & POND for a great deal less money," remember that all the ghost stories have not been told yet.

When you hear a man say that "So-and-so" keeps a better line of musical goods than we do, just add one more to your list of ghost stories.

When you want an IVERS & POND PIANO with all its patented improvements, see that you get it. Allow no solicitation or specious misrepresentation to switch you off onto something inferior. Ghost stories frighten children, but not mature and sensible people.

Call on us and try the IVERS & POND SOFT-STOP, even though you do not wish to buy anything.

JAMES HUMPHREYS,

Ionia, Mich.

340 W. Main Street.





The Rest of the Story on J. L. Hudson

By the time Joseph Lowthian Hudson died in London on July 5, 1912, his presence in Ionia was a 35 year old memory. He had gradually gathered his large family of brothers and sisters around him in Detroit, and became probably the most successful merchant in that city in the 19th century.

His good friend, General James H. Kidd, had died in 1910. The two young men first met in Ionia in 1866 as members of the Custer Baseball Club. Joseph was 20 years old, and the General was 26. They were respectively umpire and pitcher for the new team. Their families were blended in marriage. For all their youth, they had each traveled an amazing route to meet on the baseball diamond in Ionia.

One had distinguished himself as a Cavalry Officer in the Civil War, and the other had followed his father in an attempt to feed his growing family. When the Famine in Ireland cost Richard Hudson his job as a Marine Stores Outfitter on the docks at Newcastle-upon Tyne, England, he began the long journey which finally ended in the Village of Ionia. His wife, who had given birth to eight children along the way, died in Ionia soon after their arrival. Joseph, the most precocious of the children, had remained in Pontiac as an apprentice in the retail clothing trade. He returned to his family in Ionia in 1866 at the age of 20 as a full partner with his father in the store we now know and love as French's, and which our parents before us knew as Carten's. The store at 340 West Main Street.

Joseph Lowthian Hudson left Ionia in 1877 to begin his famous career in Detroit. He left Ionia with an impeccable reputation for integrity and honesty. His sister Mary, whose sons rose to lead the J. L. Hudson Stores after the death of their Uncle, had married Joseph T. Webber. After four years in business at their original store (340 W. Main), R. L. Hudson & Son had moved into the corner store of the Union Block (1870--see advertisement at bottom). It was in that store that they were forced to yield to bankruptcy, after overextending their funds at a time when the Michigan lumber industry was declining. In 1873, the elder Hudson died, leaving Joseph to repay their debts and care for the family. Joseph carried this load in a manner of providing a sterling resume for his new life in Detroit.

After his departure, both the Webber Buildings provided stores to those left in Ionia to manage the business of R. Hudson & Son, plus the Page building in the 200 Block of West Main, which was replaced by the Masonic Temple. All bore the sign of R. Hudson & Son during the nineteenth century. His stores in Detroit all bore the title of J. L. Hudson Co.

1870

R. HUDSON & SON
HAVE REMOVED TO THE
Corner Store of UNION BLOCK,
and have just received a
LARGESTOCK of NEW GOODS
which were bought at Low Figures, and
WILL BE SOLD CHEAP!
NEW YORK CLOTHING HOUSE.
R. HUDSON & SON.



J. L. Hudson in Ionia

1866

Army Overcoats,
With Capes, which we are selling at SIX DOLLARS.
They are just the thing for a Cheap Overcoat. Our
Motto is
Quick Sales and Small Profits!
Call and Examine our Stock of Goods, and you will
be convinced that our Clothing is cheap and good.
ONE PRICE ONLY!
GOODS MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES!
The New York Clothing House
Is the First Store West of the First National Bank.
R. HUDSON & SON.